GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2149
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JUVENILE JUSTICE ACT
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Juvenile Justice Act, 2006, each State is expected to have a panel that will ensure rescue and rehabilitation of children found deserted/abandoned/distress of delinquents;

(b) if so,whether the Government has any record as to how many State Governments are running such units;

(c) if so,the facts thereof; and

(d) if not,the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a): The Juvenile Justive (Care and Protection of Children) Act,2000 as amended in 2006 does not lay down setting up of any such panel by the States.However,the Act Provides for constitution of 'child protection unit' by every State Government to take up matters relating to children in need of care and protection and juveniles in conflict with law with a view to ensure the implementation of this Act including the establishment and maintenance of homes,notification of competent authorities in relation to these children and their rehabilitation and co-ordination with various official and non-official agencies concerned.

(b) to (d): As per the information available in the Ministry of Women and Child Development,no State Government has constituted child protection units so far.However,Ministry is taking up the matter with the State Governments from time to time,for effective implementation of the provisions of the Act in the States.